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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

ONLY IF THEY LOVE EACH OTHER!

is the joke answer to the question should priests be allowed to marry? I always think of this sequence when people ask if ABLE-TOGETHER is "about hooking up disabled with non-disabled guys".

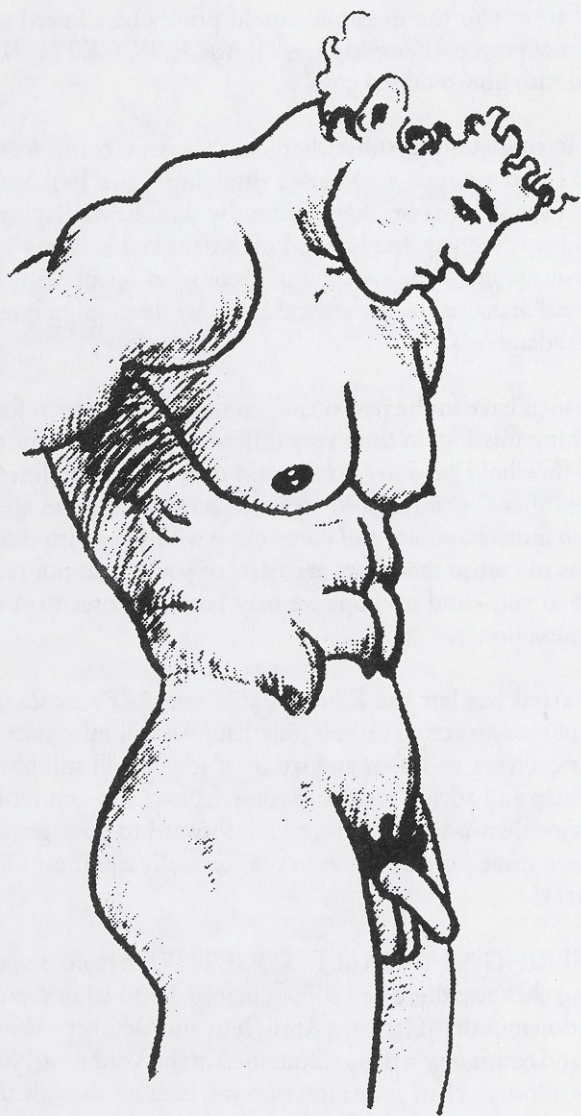
Both of our contributing subscribers in this issue come from the majority of A-T readers who are men who have a disability. They look very different on the surface but I see them as brothers under the skin. Ed Gallagher couldn't come to terms with his being gay and jumped off a dam and is now a spinal-cord-injured wheelchair-user; Jeff Woerner couldn't come to terms with his feelings about being gay and managed to get around them by developing queer habits and now has a mental diagnosis.

Both these men have in the past turned to non-disabled men for intimacy, only to find something missing; in their very different styles, and now through A-T, they are on the threshold of discovering what men with disabilities can give to each other. These mens' writings also speak to those of us who are not disabled and interested in understanding, and connecting with men with disabilities; it may be painful to us to realize that there are parts of you we cannot reach and things we may not be to you - and we hope we may become closer to you by knowing and accepting these things.

Jonathan Farrell has left the Editorial staff and A-T's masthead as he prepares himself to pursue an acting career. Jonathan, we will miss your regular contributions to our evolving endeavor and we are glad you will still be around to offer us occasional help and advice; we thank you for being you and for being there for us this past more-than-a-year - and we look forward to your growth and success in creating more space for disabilities in the culturally significant fields of acting and entertainment.

With this SPRING '96 issue ABLE-TOGETHER becomes seasonal. Apart from this, nothing changes: there will still, as before, be an edition published in each of the publication months of January, April, July, and October - Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall - and continuity will be maintained in the Volume #/Number # sequence. And we won't lose track of your subscriptions, because we code these by a different system. So enjoy the return of Spring.

-- Peter Hegedus



MY DICTIONARY ON DICKS

-- Ed Gallagher

Bright lights, many cities...

YOU are home and hear the weather's going to stay warm and dry, so you can get away with wearing lighter clothes. You didn't have a chance to roll to the gym today, so you do some shirtless sets of semi-aerobic calisthenics in your chair facing a mirror. Your upper body still hangs okay from the chest up, you are pleased. You contemplate what shirt highlights the muscle you've still got and which color best camouflages the bulge in your partial jelly belly that exasperates many spinal cord injured (SCI) guys like yourself. You wash your face and brush your yellow into whiteness and swish some Lavoris. You'll either shave or leave stubble, wondering which might better attract a handsome stranger to your lips. You choose the stubble because you think you're cuter and tougher that way. A little brushing, a little cologne, you're a cool hot cat ready to purr.

You park downtown after searching the nearby streets for an accessible lot or space that will accommodate a van with a wheel-chair driver like yourself. You exit from your platform lift and close things up. You look for a nearby sidewalk drain to empty the leg bag full of urine you're carrying because you know the club you're entering has a flat entrance but no accessible bathroom. You don't really care if some passerbys appear alarmed at your outdoor drainage habits. You handle this situation because you've done so before and because you have no choice in the matter. Besides, the club you're patronizing always has hot guys to put your mind else-where. You're not going to drink much anyway, for money, driving, and rotten bathroom reasons. It is Happy Hour time. You can get 2 for 1 and take your time downing whatever you choose. In case you do some light boozing, you've protected your digestive tract with a crusty cheese and tomato hero beforehand. Salud.

The bartender knows you and you make some chitchat and order a bottle of brew. You pay him and get back a token for your second drink. The club is nice at this hour, because it's less smokey and less crowded and you can maneuver around in your chair if you wish. You do a little of that, then pick out a strategic area from which to watch entering patrons. Every few moments you wet your whistle with your tongue and peek at music videos blasting above the bar.

You drink slowly and more guys of all ages come through the doors. Some are together and some are alone as they order their drinks and position their bodies in other strategic locations like yours. You think many are well-muscled and hot. You admire the way they look and move and silently tell yourself how forward, sexy, and successful you'd be if your precious body looked and moved the way it used to. You can't help but be tempted and tormented because you still think you look okay and find these guys handsome, but you know that your present day body can no longer keep up with the sexual athletics that most of them might be here for. You are not totally sure what you are here for.

After an hour or so, a nice looking guy in his late twenties or early thirties approaches. You have been eyeing him on and off along with others for a while. You would've liked to roll up to him yourself, but it might've not been done so smoothly. And you would've lost the present position you secured in the event he wasn't really interested and just had been innocently looking your way. You generally feel you are better prepared to meet eligible guys by staying in place, keeping your spot.

He is friendly and attractive and you enjoy talking with him. The inevitable "what happened" question comes soon enough and you give him the pat answer you've practiced and delivered a thousand times before. He is understanding and the look in his eyes tells you he has ideas of getting closer. You are pleased and ask him to pull up a stool next to you. For the next twenty minutes you drink a little and talk about a lot. You are comfortable enough to further relax the atmosphere by massaging his neck with your stronger arm. When you stop, he does the same to your neck and you know that the connection is happening.

He shyly asks about your sensation levels and what your sexual capabilities are like these days. You tell him things have changed a bit in that area, but that your mouth still possesses mysterious powers. Your direct manner stimulates him enough to make a play for your lips. You let him do this and return the action back and forth for a little while. You feel somewhat proud, almost a king among queens. Well, maybe a quing, anyway. You are not embarrassed about public affection because it is a gay bar and because there is really no other accessible place to spend further intimate time with him. You consider taking him into your van, but let that slide. He is a stranger, after all. Maybe you don't really like him that much, but the contact is nice. The moments count. You are hitting it off here. Yeah, you like him. You exchange a final kiss/embrace for the evening and he asks for your number. You look cooler and hotter by not requesting his. You keep some cards handy for moments like these. Part of the balls game.

He walks out. Definitely cute. You think about what might happen if he calls. He said he wants to visit you soon, but you never believe words like that in clubs like these. In a way, you don't want to see him again. You know what things will lead to at your apartment. How many times has it happened before? Still, you'll invite him if he calls. It is important to have those close experiences, especially for an SCI guy like you. You are a leader, after all. A terrific kisser with a mouth of gold. A prince in his prime.

He calls the next night and will be coming Friday evening. He goes on about your looks. You are flattered, excited, proud. But your cock does not feel likewise. You know in your heart and mind that problems may lie ahead. Naked and in bed. While you're clutching chest to chest. When your dick ain't like the rest. Are you gonna pass the test?

Dark lights, many cities...

Hey, I'm a confident guy. But somehow, confidence in my sexuality still eludes me, even after similar experiences like the above story. It's unfair and superficial, I know. My penis doesn't agree, no matter how many times my mind shouts, *Every bit of sex*

doesn't have to come through your dick, dickhead! My mind is right, too. I've had intimate contact "naked and in bed" with able-bodied guys a number of times. I'm 38 now, and have had C6-C7 SCI since 1985. My sensation is very limited from the nipples down. My cock can erect, but mainly, the only way I feel it up there is via my own hand. How many of you boys with similar injuries can relate?

I love kissing and touching able-bodied guys. I enjoy being close with men who appear to feel likewise. But often I've felt like nothing more than the available catalyst to get them off. Nothing wrong with that. All in fun. But it can get old, quite fast. Especially when my dick isn't doing the same.

Comparisons are useless, I know that. I've got to believe that this beautiful guy is in my bed because he finds me attractive. He asked me questions about "sexual capabilities" at the club, and I told him. He's here, right? Why do I persist in punishing myself for the things I can no longer do, instead of focusing on the qualities I have which magnetized this man to me in the first place? So he can shoot his wad and I can't. I must delay action periodically to put my dick into a plastic piss catcher. Maybe that's okay with him. Still, I can't believe he's content with the total scene, no matter what he tells me to the contrary. He might assume that I've gotten used to my bodily ways and that it's fine with me. But I haven't, and it's not. Too much spontaneity has been lost to this injury. Too much time spent keeping guard with this injury. Catheters, urinals, bedbags and legbags. Unromantic objects unable to be hidden from display. The haunting truth persists. Ain't no doubt about it. I know how things used to feel. I know how they no longer feel.

This article is not about despair. It's about levels of sexual frustration and searching. Natural regret for certain sensations and abilities we no longer possess is human nature. But one can't stop there. It's also human nature to reach within and unleash the radiance, ability, and appeal we each have with life as it is now. If we choose to. Another matter of choice, as in most things. And I admit that I have some frustrating perceptions on the subject of sex, dicks and disability. What I'm doing here is simply - and complexly - laying them on the line. My truth, for what it's worth.

Sometimes I wonder if I'm becoming more inclined to dive into asexual waters, and see if the dick desires go to sleep. But that's a method of drowning for many of us. Besides, there's always a fresh fish somewhere out there with one's name on it. It's all in the bait, isn't it? I'm glad to spend time with an "abled" guy and stimulate him. I really am. It's not that I get no excitement out of it. If I got zilch, I'd go out and cuddle some dog or cat. Yes, YES! I've had some nice times. *But...* And, yeah, it's a big one. For me, there's a slight resentment to the orgasmic sensation they're getting, even though I'm happy to help them obtain it. Am I crazy, selfish, jealous, or what? C'mon, I'm only human. I can't help but remember angrily, wistfully, how my former dick responded during similar erotic moments. How it responds no more. And how his does.

This has brought me to a decision. My ultimate sexual goal these days is not to secure some dude's coming cock in my mouth. Or elsewhere. My mind and actions may again change, but I hope I'll stick to this path. Otherwise, I could live the rest of my life casually and restlessly, perhaps never jumping off the silly merry-go-round. Until I'm old and alone, that is. Don't get me wrong. I won't turn away a fling or two if the

opportunity and mood arises. But I've got to draw a line, too. I need to believe that it's not my main pursuit. What is? An excellent question, not easy to answer.

I think that I'm searching for a relationship where there's a sexual freedom from *comparisons, competitions, and expectations*. Fantasy world? I realize that I exert a lot of self-pressure here, but the gay games I've played seem to be heavily based upon exterior looks and performance. And, yes. I'm guilty of being a narcissistic contributor in my own way. Well, maybe it's my late thirties talking, but it's high time to approach this sex situation more maturely.

Two years after my injury, I started seeing guys. I repressed most of my gay sexuality and actions during the "walking years." So it was basically a new deal with me, a chance to be true to my desires during this second chance at life. Though self-conscious with my new role and roll, fortunately I found that many guys viewed me as attractive, despite the wheelchair. I craved that "affectionate approval" during those early years. I had to know that I still looked good enough. But that wasn't enough. I had to see if my *actions* were good enough. Not so much for him as for me.

My genital experience with abled guys has been extremely one-sided. What I did to them often wasn't even attempted on me. When it was, there was no big orgasmic rush, anyway. Realistically, I must conclude that I, personally, haven't had outright sex, so much as sexual "activity" with all of them. I guess it's the way I *define* sex. If I ain't coming, I ain't going. Probably a rough determination, but again, my truth. I realize I'm not being fair to myself and many abled guys with this perception. It's ballsy and wrong for me to define sex by the size of one's cock and what it can do, or can't do. Still, possessing one that can't do what I want it to do, I can't help but feel that I'm missing out. Each experience with an abled man only reminds me more. I'm tired of being reminded.

So I look now to experiment with "my own type" of guy. I've seen many guys with SCI whom I find quite handsome. I don't ask myself what their dicks can or can't do during the moments I'm watching them. I only know that I'd often like to move nearer, touch them more closely in intimate ways. Ways where we understand each other's situation, where the obligation to explain isn't required, where there is no dominance or passivity, but a bonding and acceptance. *Simple and strong*. I've never had a potential SCI partner, but I'm interested. It could be very cool - and very hot. Seeing *him* as sexy and vibrant could rejuvenate *my* sexual self-esteem. It would help me better to look in the mirror and appreciate myself in the same capacity. *It could help me define sex differently*. Maybe even help me cut down on personal dickheadedness...

And will this solve everything? Of course not, but it feels a good move. I'd like to know that what I can give to him and get from him is enough to create prolonged excitement and satisfaction for both of us. And, if that is accomplished, perhaps we both can breathe and kiss and touch - everywhere - a bit easier. We'll discover a more insightful definition of sex as we are. *As we are in these chairs*.

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GOD DOESN'T MAKE ANY JUNK!

-- Jeff Woerner

Okay, I am coming out. Not only in declaring my gayness, but also to say that I have *Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder* or *OCD*. I have had this complicated and frustrating mental disorder for sixteen years. This article is an act of courage. It has taken a great deal of courage for me to come out and admit to you what I have gone through each and every day. What is it I do, what are my symptoms? What I do is perform seemingly weird or downright bizarre rituals of counting - mostly numbers - to myself in my mind.

As I tell you this I wonder whether some of you will be inclined to dismiss me as "crazy". Well, just as physical disabilities come in all shapes and sizes and degrees, so does craziness. My craziness is akin to, and some degrees greater than touching wood or not *walking on the cracks in the paving*; thankfully, I am free from any psychotic symptoms - which means I know what is real, what I'm doing, and how it affects me (I don't like it) and how it impacts you (it makes you uncomfortable). Most importantly, I'm healthy enough to know I don't want to be uncomfortable with myself, that I don't want you to be uncomfortable with me, and that I want to work towards a better life.

In my case, having OCD and being gay are intimately connected. Would it surprise you to know that I grew up a conservative fundamentalist Christian? Over the past six years I have come to accept my being homosexual - and I have learned that I *need not* use the ritual behaviors of OCD to suppress the much more healthy feelings and thoughts that stem from being homosexual. And sometimes, when I reflect on quite how hard my struggle for self-acceptance as a gay man has been for me, I feel like I've done okay to get by with "just" the symptoms of OCD.

Knowing that I am okay and that I need not assume the stigma of societal outcast has been liberating to me. I am now free to see how my growth as a human being has been set back by the daily stress and strain of dealing with the twin problems of my sexual identity and my ongoing rituals of counting in an effort to suppress my feelings and conflicts as a gay person.

It is still a daily struggle to keep in mind that I *can* control my compulsive behaviors. And it is still all too easy for me to feel outcast and stigmatized just for being gay and just for having OCD. I feel people can't "overlook" the fact that I have body-language suggestive of being nervous and jittery. When I first met with the terms *OCD* and *neurosis*, the response I took upon myself was to see these words as a way for "normally functioning" human beings to criticize me. Now that I have learned that OCD is categorized as one of several types of *anxiety disorders* I am beginning to see through to the human-feeling perspective that underlies all these labels. Now I have some understanding

of where the labels are coming from I find I am likely to feel more understood and less criticized by those around me.

OCD is in fact no more than a very repetitive and painful way of dealing with and ridding the person's mind of unwanted and unpleasant and conflictual thoughts and feelings. *I want to be sexual with a male. Oh, God! I will go to hell and be damned forever and lose the love of my parents and friends - and of myself.* Imagine the level of anxiety, and its concomitant deep depression, when you really believe this in the very core of your being. Modern medicine has made breakthroughs in the treatment of OCD. I take two anti-depressant medications which happen to work very well when combined. As yet not quite well enough for me to be able to hold down employment but enough for me to have grown confident to say *I can accept being gay as well as my disability and disorder.* My decision to subscribe to A-T is part of this acceptance.

I encourage other gay and bisexual men with OCD and other anxiety disorders to come out and be counted. If we accept we have tender and sexual feelings towards other males, and are able to share these, are we then able also to accept and acknowledge *I feel anxiety, depression - even fear - and I am dealing with it?*

Paraplegic. Amputee. Schizophrenic. Manic-Depressive. Ours is a society which loves to label. Well, if labelling is necessary, make mine - at this point in time - a *conservatively liberal gay Christian with OCD.* I joined A-T with the idea of keeping company with others like me and with nondisabled men who would be open to overlooking my disability. What's just dawning on me is that I may have got it wrong - I'm wondering whether I might have been confusing *overlooking* with *acceptance*? Now men who have a disability which they accept are telling me you accept me and my disability; you are inviting me to a deeper level of self-acceptance, helping me to further my understanding of the difference between label-as-stigma and label-signifying-person-in-a-struggle. Thank you for *not overlooking and for your* deeper understanding that God just doesn't make any junk!

Jeff Woerner, who has OCD, is a conservatively liberal Christian living in New Jersey.

THE MAIL POUCH

I recently got a letter with a very familiar cast to it. Salient extracts are:

...I'm writing you this letter in response to your ad in ABLE-TOGETHER in the earnest and honest hopes we can and will become the best of friends and if possible a lot more in the very near future. A very close friend...sent me these ads...I would give 110% to make something special work...I live in a very small farming town where there's no jobs (24.9%), no future or hopes of ever having anything or anyone special in my life. I'm an auto mechanic by trade and feel I'm an expert. About six years ago I bought a wrecked (NEW) 1990 Trans Am which I rebuilt, restored and customized to total perfection. Because of a lack of business I lost my only job since high school in April of last year. I live with my only relative a grandmother who is 80 years old, very healthy, very strict and very religious...

The writer comes off as a very gentle, subservient and desperate person. He is willing to do anything...become everything one man could want...&c. This is pretty much a carbon copy of the first letter he wrote me the last time, except then it was his aged aunt, if I recall correctly, his parents were killed in a car accident when he was nine. It all started off with him telling me how glad he was I wrote back, as he prefers an older man, having lost his father. Everything I wrote about myself he loved, in fact desired that particular trait. The correspondence grew to become very intense with as many as two letters from him a day - longing to be with me.

The car is all ready to go and he has it all figured out how much it will take to get to California; *I think \$450*. It would take a little more because of all the mechanic's tools. He would only bring a suitcase and personal items, family photos etc. In spite of all the phone calls and letters I still heard that little voice saying *it's too good to be true, isn't it?* But I allowed myself to be hooked. I had come to hate his old aunt. I wanted to send him some hemlock for her. She'd rant on about him not going to church, then she'd lock him out of the house at night and he'd sleep in the car.

The next step is, she's getting suspicious about all the calls from a man (me). He'd call me collect from a pay phone, upset and near tears. She told him she'd kill him if he was gay, and he'd never inherit his parents' property (the house they lived in). He starts sneaking the personal items out of the house *just in case*. All of a sudden I am an accomplice in a conspiracy to get him away from her. She is hot on our tracks, has my phone number because of the phone bills, and has found one of my letters to him. It's in the winter and everything is frozen, snow on the ground. He has to get out, I send him the money, \$450.00 - he's on his way.

I hear nothing from him for three days, then a phone call. He's in a motel in some small town about sixty miles from Portsmouth. Somehow the drain plug worked out and he lost the oil -knocked out the connecting rods. It cost \$300.00 to repair it. I sent it Western Union.

I didn't hear from him for three weeks. I called his house, his cousin answered. I asked her about him. According to her, he was in Scottsdale, Az. broken down. He was broke, but afraid to call me. She wanted money to send to him. At this point I was broke, so I called a couple of friends. They sent him \$300, via her.

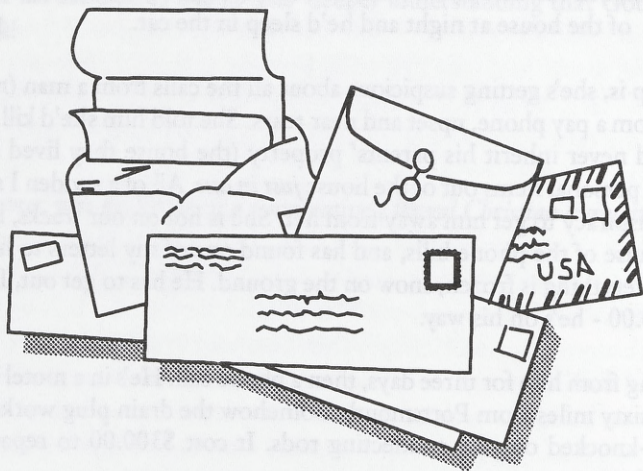
Six months later I called his house and a little kid answered. When I asked for him by name, the little kid yelled: *Dad!* Since then this person's name has surfaced in gay publications...He's ripped off subscribers of Centaur, Chiron Rising, and the Advocate. I suggest you contact these editors. So old aunt didn't exist. He's married with a wife and kid. They live off fleecing lonely older gay men...That's it. I hope you can stop him from scamming others.

BI, Yolo, CA

Many thanks for generously sharing this painful and compelling story with A-T readers in order to warn us that this person is still in business. We will terminate a subscription if we come to believe that the balance of probability is that the subscriber may be abusing the privilege of involvement in our group. And it is of course very possible that such persons may gain access to copies of A-T without being subscribers. Your great service to us is to remind us of our inner intuitive wisdom which does not depend on 'rational' figuring out: if our voice inside says it's too good to be true we should not be surprised - as you were not - when it turns out that it was not true. And you give us another gift, which is the knowledge of your continued and undimmed hope and faith in finding good and meaningful connection through advertising and correspondence.

...Thanks a lot for being there, and although I haven't yet met any compatible person through A-T I think you're providing a wonderful service for people who otherwise might have a hard time coming together.

DH, San Francisco, CA



...Your magazine is a wonderful way to meet guys and acquire new friends...

JW, Tracy, MN

...congratulations!! I'm sure you have made many people very happy...

GF, New York, NY

...It's a beautiful, dignified publication...

IR, Bronx, NY

I wanted to say thank you for publishing such a well-written periodical...I have Cerebral Palsy and am non-verbal, [and] for years I have been looking for something that addresses the issues of gay men who are disabled...I enjoyed the articles tremendously...All of my friends know that I'm gay, however other people just assume I'm straight. A question often posed to me...is do I like girls? How can I answer that one in three minutes with a communication system? I grin and nod yes, meanwhile I'm thinking *but I love to sleep with men - if they only knew!* Which brings out my point: if they wouldn't assume, [then] I would not be put in that spot...Yes, this is [a normal part of life for me] and other people who are gay and have disabilities...Keep up the good work, guys!

JW, Tacoma, WA

I...was delighted. When the time comes to renew my subscription I will gladly send the check. I have gotten responses from all across the United States: some from really nice guys and some from not-so-nice guys - just as in life. There are some ads that I would love to respond to because I feel we might have a lot of things in common, but then I read the ad more closely and no...I'm not 24-26 years old, no...I'm not a biker, no...I'm not extremely attractive, no...I don't use crutches, etc...Sure we all have our likes and dislikes but I don't believe that relationships are built on...someone's external features but rather on who they are inside...If guys only knew that maybe they had passed up their soulmate just because they didn't fit the external criteria...Thanks for the articles, I love them.

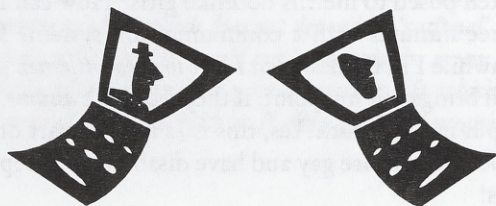
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[The reply] was not what I expected. It contained nothing but the pornographic fantasies of the writer. It was obviously the sort of letter which is written on a word processor...he referred to quite explicit sexual acts he would like to perform upon me, which are impossible...I know and he ought to as he himself says he is paraplegic. It was quite a pity as I liked his photo, but it was the two pages of sad sexual illusion which got to me...when I receive a letter from someone for the first time it would be nice if it was less blatantly sexual...[Otherwise] I found your publication...very well set out and informative...

DW, Milton Keynes, UK

Guys, many thanks for generously sharing with us your varied experiences of A-T; we see both your hopefulness and also your frustration when advertisers seem to be excluding you or when men reach out to you in ways that leave you feeling angry and sad; thank you, David, for not keeping this to yourself - and we think it would be a wonderful gift if you would write to tell this man the impact he has on you, as we are sure he has no idea his way of reaching out is so upsetting to those he wants to connect with.



ABLE TOGETHER ON-LINE

If you have a personal computer, a modem, and an account with Internet access you have another way to get in touch with A-T.

E-mail us at: blaine@well.com

If you have access to the World Wide Web on the 'net, visit A-T's home page,

<http://www.well.com/user/blaine/abletog.html>

Cruising the Internet is the ideal medium for men with disabilities. Our disabilities are not the same issue for us in cyberspace as they are in the "real" world. And if we're not in a position to be totally "out" there are ways to ensure our privacy while still enjoying the benefits and excitements of queer electronic friendships. I encourage any of you with the financial resources to consider acquiring a PC and modem: it has opened up whole new worlds for me and perhaps it can for you too.

-- Blaine Waterman

A GUIDE TO CONTACT AD LISTINGS

How to reply to a coded ad: Put your letter in an envelope, seal it, and put the A-T code # of the advertiser you are replying to in the top right corner of the envelope. Put this envelope, together with the correct reimbursement for forwarding (*see below*), in another envelope; seal it, address it to A-T and mail it! You may respond to as many coded ads as you wish, and put all the numbered envelopes in one larger envelope to mail to us.

We believe the best kind of ad is the one that gives the reader the clearest picture of who you are. We therefore encourage ad length (but reserve the right to edit) and accurate statements of personal statistics such as age and weight. You should bear in mind that our subscribers are likely to want to know whether you are disabled or abled, so please include this information, and try to be as detailed as you can about yourself and your way of being and presentation in the world, because it very greatly helps both you and potential responders if they can gain a reasonable picture you from the ad. *We encourage changes and updates to ads!*

Although ABLE-TOGETHER strives without judgment to encourage honest self-expression we are aware that many of our subscribers may feel depersonalized and objectified in response to certain personal contact ad material. Because of the importance A-T attaches to the avoidance of objectification and depersonalization in interpersonal relations we may edit personal contact ads submitted to us which seem to us to contain sexually overly explicit or overly fetishistic material. *If you are dissatisfied with this policy we will cancel your subscription.*

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- for US responses to Canada, this is a 50¢ stamp;
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CALIFORNIA. Visually impaired (legally blind) GWM, 52 years old, 5'8", 160 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, HIV negative, looking to hear from a nice guy gay black male 21-29 years old. Write *Joseph*, POB 912, Concord, CA 94522-0912, ph: 510 677 7601.

SAN FRANCISCO. Hello guys, my name's Dale, I'm 36 years old, GWM, quite handsome, 5'8", 180 lbs, hairy, hunky build, brown hair/eyes. I am HIV+ but have remained asymptomatic. Two years ago I suffered a spinal-cord injury and must walk with a cane for distances. My sexual function is AOK - if not better than before! I like men who are masculine in speech and behavior, yet are sensitive, sincere, kind, compassionate, with a good sense of humor. I enjoy men who are at times serious, intelligent, open-minded, friendly, loyal, spiritual, good-natured. I'm a smoker, so I feel more comfortable around other smokers. Some turn-ons/icons: handsome men 35-50, moustache, sideburns, hairiness, baseball hats, boots, cops (kind ones), construction workers, cowboys, outdoorsmen - and veterans like myself. Don't worry - you don't have to be all these things! I am looking for romance, falling in love, kissing, cuddling and long, passionate love-making with a regular guy. Since I'm clean and sober I'd rather avoid men who use drink or who frequent bars. Write me at home: 455 Eddy Street #1104, San Francisco, CA 94109.

CALIFORNIA. GWM 48, 5'6", 145#, blu, br, 'stache, 18 years hemiplegic wheelchair user, eager for So. Ca. friends, nondisabled or not. I am a former hotel manager and now do AIDS volunteer work. I enjoy life, lite-health cooking, dining, conversations, classical music, opera, movies, theaters, museums, etc...Drink wine but not into bars or scene, do not smoke or do drugs. Be discreet. *Tom*, 1525 Appleton #302, Long Beach, CA 90802, ph: 310 436 2880.

CALIFORNIA. My name is Robert. I am a 30 year old GWM, 5'5", heavyset. I have epilepsy as well as a learning disability. I am open to hearing from anyone interested - also I feel a particular response for men who are blind. Call me on 714-870 9676 or *replies with correct postage please to A-T #995.*

CALIFORNIA. GWM 67, 5' 8", 175#, moderately hairy, looking for a son/grandson who would appreciate a caring, loving Daddy Bear. I am in wheelchair most of the time or using a walker. I have Parkinson's, but am otherwise healthy and HIV-. LTR is very possible. Men of any ethnicity welcome; South Asian and Asian males especially appreciated. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1210, or ph: 415 586 2337.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. Hi! I'm Sam. I'm 30, bald, 5'5", medium build, 175 lbs, Filipino. I was born with hypohydrotic ectodermal dysplasia - a condition characterized by absence of sweat glands and sparse, thin hair. I'm a fulltime student in the health profession with some clinical experience in mental health and starting pre-clinicals in physical dysfunctions. I'm discreet, caring, sensitive, affectionate, and was raised in a conservative religious background. My role as a student in the health profession and being closeted in a non gay-friendly environment easily burns me out. I'm looking for some social life that is relatively active, reciprocal, emotional, and hopefully helpful in "re-charging" my zest in providing quality care for other people. I'd like to meet friendly white/Hispanic/Asian guys, 20-40, who are expressive, sincere, willing to commit, HIV-, non-smokers, not into drugs and hopefully Christian. I enjoy quiet evenings; classical/jazz/dance music; some volleyball, swimming; cuddling; table tennis and any activity that is compensated by keeping my body temperature down since my body heats up easily. Thanks for reading my ad and hope to hear from you soon. **E-mail: sladion1@ccmail.llu.edu** or *replies with correct postage please to A-T #1074.*

CALIFORNIA. 44 y.o. post-polio GWM, 6'1", 155 lbs, right leg 1" shorter. I am very active and do not let my limited disability slow me down or keep me from things I enjoy such as bicycling, swimming, camping or long walks. The things I have a passion for are getting lost in the sound of ocean waves, cuddling in front of a fireplace, live theater, picnics, breath-stopping kisses, fusion jazz, C-W music, playing the piano, decorating the Christmas tree. I am looking for a long-term monogamous relationship with a sincere, very affectionate, honest abled or disabled man who has a good sense of humor and can be spontaneous. Age or looks not important. Penpals also welcomed. **Larry Rhea, 829 E. Hedges #103, Fresno, CA 93728, ph: (209) 233 7843.**

CALIFORNIA. Hi! This is Tim, working in entertainment and for global understanding. I'm 6'2", 30, brown hair/beard (very short), green eyes, 200#, slightly math-impaired. I'm looking for a chubby/heavyset guy with physical disability. I'm into a modern, natural environment, flexible but basically a New Age Democrat. Also into literature, music, dance, singing (I have a karaoke set), TV, radio, theatre, film, long strolls, laying around the house talking and falling asleep in each other's arms...

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[sigh]. Prefer men with physical disability such as CP or spina bifida, and replies welcomed from all overweight men. Preferred age range 30's to 70's - old enough to remember the 60's, not old enough to remember WWI. I look forward to your letter and picture/video (returnable). Tim A., 4204 Revere Place, Cukver City, CA 90230.

CALIFORNIA. GWM 38, 5'8", 165, blind since birth. I wish to meet other disabled guys. I love to cook, take long walks, music of all kinds, reading and quiet times together. I would love to establish a long-term, monogamous relationship. *Michael Hayward, POB 411616, Los Angeles, CA 90041.*

CALIFORNIA. I am a mature, handsome, caring law student in a wheelchair with Cerebral Palsy. I'm 45, with brown hair and eyes, tanned complexion, and told I look like Al Pacino. I would like to share my life with a young (18-30ish) able-aware, sincere, caring, spiritual, preferably Christian guy with a big heart who wants, spontaneously and reciprocally, fully to give and receive abundant, appreciative, balanced and supporting love. Please be fun, adventurous, courageous, afraid of nothing - perhaps having had a near-death experience - and willing to relocate. I enjoy traveling, sight-seeing, movies, theater, music including opera and ballet, museums, art galleries, parks, the beach, dining out, and doing whatever is exciting, rejuvenating, invigorating, exotic, and stretching to a person's fullest potential. I also meditate and pray. I am very romantic and imagine being with my lover along the beach and in the moonlight and over a candle-lit dinner; my hope is for a lifetime's relationship of deeply passionate, invigorating sharing at every level, heart to heart, soul to soul, spirit to spirit and body to body. If you have a heart full of love and love yourself, then you're my man. *Eddie, POB 4607, Berkeley, CA 94704, fax: 510 841 2980.*

CALIFORNIA. I'm a 30 year old paraplegic African-American male, 6'3", 230 lbs. I enjoy movies, music, quiet evenings at home, dinner and the beach. I'm an outgoing person in search of someone who is caring, honest, affectionate and outgoing and who has a positive outlook on life. If you are interested for a possible relationship/friendship - please write with mailing address and preferably photo. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1077.*

SAN DIEGO COUNTY. Actor/artist, European looks (born in Austria), 41 years, GW quad., C6-7 incomplete, 24 years post-injury, 5'10", 155 lbs, br/gr, searching for playmates and possible relationship. I enjoy life and am intensely sexual. I hope to hear from abled individuals to 55 who are fit, active, sensitive, affectionate and intelligent. Phone # appreciated. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #381.*

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. HIV- GHM, 32, 5'10", 160 lbs, with short black hair, dark eyes, goodlooking, masculine, educated, honest, stable. I enjoy camping, swimming, bike riding, photography, traveling, going to the ocean. I have old polio on the right leg but I'm very active. I'm looking to meet abled, HIV- GHMs or GWMs 25-40 years old with similar interests for friendship and possible relationship. Please respond with letter and photo if possible. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1079.*

CALIFORNIA. Caring, sensitive, BiWM, 60, in search of Mr. Right for a monogamous long term relationship, I am disabled from an auto accident, received broken knees, now arthritis. I am a Red Cross volunteer, and work with PWA/HIV as a Buddy. I love camping, fishing, quiet times at home, a mountain stream or seashore. I am looking for a compatible country type, disabled/abled. Your photo gets mine. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #510.*

SAN FRANCISCO. Are you slender or medium build, masculine, any age or any height, preferably with facial hair - redheads and/or bald(ing) a plus, - honest, down-to-earth, trustworthy, man with an ambulatory, hearing or sight disability who is interested in a loving and mutually supportive relationship? I am a 50 year old balding, somewhat hairy GWM, "bear" type, 5'7", 220 lbs, brown eyes w/glasses, very long salt-and-pepper beard, HIV-, abled, warm, affectionate, open-hearted, into safe sex, cuddling and sleeping together. *Mike, 115 Rey Street, San Francisco, CA 94134-2740.*

SAN DIEGO AREA. Shy GWM, post-polio with leg brace, younger looking 40's, likes nude fun and SM/BD games indoors and out. Not into the bar scene - enjoy quiet evenings at home, dinner out, travel, etc. Interested in meeting guys able or disabled for friendship, pen pals, safe sex, etc. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #137.*

SAN FRANCISCO. Outgoing, energetic, abled man, 35, 5'11", 175#, who enjoys adventure, romance, keeping busy and quiet times, nature and city life, friendship, would like to correspond with and meet disabled man who shares an active mind and a love of life. I'm a health professional, enjoy travel, communication, and look forward to talking. *Steven, 4010 19th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, or ph: (415) 621 8208.*

CALIFORNIA. Sexy, disabled GWM seeks friendship and fun with other men, abled or disabled. I'm 31, 5'7", 140 lbs, HIV neg., dark brown hair and eyes. I walk with crutches and have limited use of my hands. I'm into movies, travel, computers and reading. Please be attractive, friendly, HIV neg., and not heavy into drugs/drink. I would most like to hear from men my age and younger but that is not an

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absolute. Photo appreciated and will get mine. Blaine. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #013.*

GAY NAVY VETERAN. Disabled gay Navy veteran wishes to correspond with penpals from all over the world - you won't be disappointed! Write today! *Robert C. Healy, 1086 Post Street #309, San Francisco, CA 94109, telephone: (415) 921 8950.*

SAN FRANCISCO/BEYOND. I am a fair-complected nondisabled Jewish male-who-likes-males, an attractive and athletic, and even cute 45 year old generation-X- & rollerblader-wannabe and biopsychospiritually-oriented graduate student. I am HIV negative, a very hairy muscular 5'10" with nice chest and arms, and weigh about 160#. I am bald and keep my head shaved. Clean shaven/ sometimes goatee. I see myself as warm, caring, very interested in people, somewhat alternative, drug- and smoke-free, just a little New Age-y, honest and straightforward. I am very open to hearing from a disabled or nondisabled man for good connection - intimate friendship - travel - dating - hanging out - relationship - hearing what you are open to. I like talking on the phone, visiting, cooking, laughing, being around, eating with in or out, psychology, mindless TV sitcoms, and exchanging much touch and affection when you are physically drawn to me and I to you. I particularly like men who are outgoing, empathic, affectionate, adventurous, athletic-within-ability, HIV negative, younger than me. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #252.*

UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL, gay male, of Indian and black heritage, raised as a middle-class American, 67 years old, tho' my genes conspire to make me look, facially, barely 40, polio-disabled in childhood and now using an electric wheelchair to great advantage; always active, never indolent, sometime minister, counselor, and now working for our empowerment. I like the theater, musicals, motion pictures, parks, being at home, science, science fiction, and anything that strikes my fancy. My tastes in food are eclectic, with a leaning toward pastas, seafood and Chinese. I enjoy active people. Friendship is for me the only platform for all other interactions, especially including the sexual. I would welcome correspondence and interaction with other readers of ABLE-TOGETHER, disabled or abled. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #669.*

CALIFORNIA. Caring nondisabled GWM 48, 175lbs., 5'11", br/ blue, masculine and educated with gentle sense of humor. Enjoy cultural activities, quiet times, travel. Honestly attracted to older men with post-polio-, paraplegia-type disability. I must explain that it's the person who creates the interest in the first place and who ultimately will determine the possibilities of friendship or long-term relation-

ship. Let's share mutual interests with honest intentions and see where it leads. Discretion assured, photo appreciated. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #718.*

N. CALIFORNIA - EAST BAY AREA. 42 year old, bisexual, wheelchair-using quadriplegic male looking for fun and friendship with an easy-going, sensitive man with a good sense of humor. Occupationally I am a social worker - sexually I am slightly perverted and like giving pleasure. Activities I enjoy include (but are not limited to) museums, going to movies, dinner, and parks for long walks. Physically I'm am a gentle 6' tall and 190 lbs with a short beard, brown hair, and blue eyes. If you enjoy the simple pleasures in life - and do not abuse alcohol, drugs, or people - please feel free to contact me. Take care. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #746.*

LOOKING FOR EXCHANGE BUDDIES. I am 47, 5'9", 170 lbs, disabled arm, and very interested in corresponding with any guy disabled or abled - age, weight, disability, looks not important. I am looking for buddies to exchange explicit letters, homemade videotapes (have my own video camera), pictures, *whatever!* Let's do it! *Ray, POB 81613, San Diego, CA 92138.*

CALIFORNIA. 58 year old GWM, 225#, 5'8", hirsute, versatile. I moved to LA from NYC seven years ago when I retired on disability from teaching American history in high school. I lost the use of my left leg because of MS, the rest of my body is in fine working order. I am a very caring, loving person looking for someone to share the rest of my life with. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #436.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. 50 year old white male, L-1 paraplegic, in wheelchair for 30 years, Vietnam vet, salt & pepper hair, 5'11", 145 lbs, some tattoos, very independent, live alone. I like swimming, sunbathing, fishing, old classic movies, shooting pool. I would like to meet quiet type abled male for some quiet dates, friendship, maybe more. Write please with photo to: *POB 1253, Downey, CA 90240.*

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. GWM 45, 5'6", 155#, brn/blu. Fifteen years ago when I became disabled I left Southern California for the serenity of the country and never looked back. My dream was to live in a nice little house with a white picket fence; well...I have reached that dream and would like very much to share it with someone special. I would like to meet someone who is smoke, drink and drug - free. I prefer men with less body hair but am genuinely open to all who are sincere, honest and interested in building a warm, caring, sharing relationship over the long term. Let's talk. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #671.*

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CALIFORNIA. Big hearted 43 yo friendly, active, nondisabled, good-natured male - enjoy the arts, going out as well as simply hanging at home. Looking to meet a man in his 20s who will not be stopped by limitations. Write and send photo - I'll return with the same. *Bob Bruman, 5818 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA 94609.*

HELLO GUYS! My name is Chris. I'm a 32yo para in San Francisco hoping to find friends, fun and just maybe a long term relationship! I'm 5'6", 130lbs, reddish blond and blue eyes. I enjoy country/western music, Roseanne, my art work, sunshine, rainy days in bed, evenings at home, laughter and smoking (oops!) my cigs. Hope to hear from you soon - pictures much appreciated! If you're interested please call *ph. (415) 923 9213* or write: *926 Fillmore #104, San Francisco, CA 94117,*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. My community identity is with the men in ABLE-TOGETHER's population, especially amputees. I network with guys from all over and I'm interested in all forms of social contact - making friends, dating, sharing interests & experiences, visiting distant buddies, getting good people together and maybe even finding my own Mr. Right. I like movies, music, reading. I'm an average guy - GWM 39, 5'7", 160#, light brown and white hair, blue eyes, abled and missing half of left thumb. I like sensual, warm buddies with whom to exchange TLC on cold nights. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #383, or E-mail: buddy369@aol.com.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. 38 year old paraplegic, professional, love to travel, meet men, and enjoy pleasing you orally! Seeking able bodied man between ages 25-37 to see if we can connect for fun and a unique experience! *Steven Crawford, POB 4515, Laguna Beach, CA 92652, telephone: (714) 497 6141.*

DELAWARE. GWM 34, brown hair, blue eyes, 190 lbs, 5'11". Disabled, caring, honest, fun, loving. In search of: gay muscle men, gay motorcycle men. And disabled persons who are caring, honest, loving, understanding, ages 30-40. LTR-minded. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1022.*

FLORIDA. GWM 44, 5'6", 135 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, HIV negative. Very independent, use wheelchair and drive for transportation. I love dining out, enjoy movies, music, reading, swimming, bowling. Attend college. I am very open to learning new things and simply like having fun. I seek a 40 to 50 year old masculine, well-developed/solid white male with similar interests and the same qualities for friendship and possible monogamous relationship. No drugs/S&M. A photo would be nice. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #911.*

FLORIDA. Retired GWM, former social worker, teacher and ordained Baptist clergyman who knows that GAY AND GOD GO GOOD TOGETHER! I'm a full time RV-er, winter near Lake Okeechobee, and hope to travel 7-8 months a year if I can find a truly gay life partner to join me. I am 65 years old, though most people say I look younger, 5'11", 225 pounds, dark blond hair, blue eyes, wear glasses, currently have a moustache, HIV-, only disability is diabetes which is under control. I had a young lover for eight years who then decided to take on the straight life. I have been alone now for three years and am sincerely looking for a young, truly gay guy interested in an active life and long relationship with an older man who will give all the love and care that a man could desire. I am a non-smoker, non-drinker and born-again Christian looking for a man who would be comfortable in a discreet, active relationship together. I prefer someone in his teens or twenties but ALL will be considered. Photo appreciated, but not necessary - I will answer all letters. Also I would welcome short term visitors this winter if you would like to escape the cold and visit to South Florida. *Ken Debus, POB 63, Lake Harbor, FL 33459.*

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FLORIDA. GWM 35, tall/muscular with short brown hair, blue eyes. Very attractive and active physically and sexually. Injured in motor vehicle accident with resulting damage to both hips - occasional wheelchair user as a result. Interests are gym, travel, hockey, fun times. Eager to learn wheelchair sports from other GWMs to age 40. Prefer you be somewhat tall guy who's honest, sincere, and secure with who you are. Friends first - goal of LTR with right guy. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1188*

TAMPA, FL METRO AREA. GWM 48, abled, 6', hazel eyes, auburn/graying hair, stocky build, very well educated. I enjoy cultural and historical activities, museums and travel. I am a non-smoker, light drinker, no drugs! Good personality - honest, caring, trustworthy and discreet. I am looking for similar qualities in a man older than myself, someone loving and respectful, wheelchair/crutches/polio a plus. Will exchange photos. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #871, or ph: 813 685 2544 before 10 pm weekdays, after 9.30 am weekends.*

HOPELESSLY ROMANTIC GWM 39, 6', 190lbs, br/br, moustache, abled, in search of GWM 20-48 disabled who walks with crutches. I enjoy dinners, movies, videos, the beach, amusement parks, quiet times and cuddling with that special person. I am an honest, caring trustworthy male who is interested in a monogamous relationship; I am very affectionate, loving and respectful. I live alone and close to the airport, and would welcome your visit. *Michael Kirnard, 2974 Wildhorse Road, Orlando, FL 32822, ph: (407) 249 0574.*

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GEORGIA. GWM 51, brown, blue, have polio of right leg, walk with a limp, cane and an attitude; interests in leather (top) and feet; orally sexual only and love to play all night long. I am looking for a younger man, construction or business type, no jocks. I am retired on a fixed income, but will welcome anyone coming to Atlanta. I am up very late at night and please call me on *ph.* (404) 787 5864 or *replies with correct postage please to A-T #091.*

ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Hey, y'all. I'm a 43 year old GWM, 5'6", 135 lbs. My disability is mild/moderate cerebral palsy. I am seeking friendship - and possibly more - with others who are well-humored and have interests similar to mine. Friends describe me as warm, caring and gregarious. I love life and thrive on diversity. Professionally, I have a graduate degree in rehabilitation and work for the Federal government. My interests include (but are not limited to): art, jazz/popular music, movies, theatre, politics, travel, reading, and long walks and talks. I see your age and race as factors extraneous to who you are. *Bruce J. Rose, 430 Lindbergh Drve NE, #M2, Atlanta, GA 30305-3870, ph: 404-816 0130. E-mail: Bruce_Rose@ED.GOV*

ALOHA FROM HAWAII! I am a 34 year old GWM on Maui who is particularly attracted to men who are amputees, especially AK and hip amputations. I am 6'1" and weigh about 190#. I have dirty blond hair and mustache. I enjoy outdoor activities, especially the beach, swimming, snorkeling, etc. I am especially turned on by Asian, Filipino, Polynesian, and Latino men, the less body hair and the more foreskin the better. Would like to correspond with any amputee or other guys who share any of the same interests as I. Take a chance and write, you never know where it might lead. Aloha. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #447.*

INDIANA. Straight WM, 68 years, 6'6", 240 lbs, disabled - left leg affected with blood clots - use custom-made wooden crutches, interested in correspondence; all letters welcome and will be answered. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1212.*

HARD OF HEARING bisexual WM, 31, 5'10", black hair/blue eyes, 180 pds. Seeking young GWM, disabled a plus, for friendship and possible relationship. I enjoy video games, science fiction books/movies/TV shows, and computers. I am a professional who is financially secure and would like to share my home with someone. Send letter and photo to: *Gleno, POB 13652, Fort Wayne, IN 46865.*

INDIANA (NE). SGWM 55, 5'9", 135#, n/s, moderate drinker, no drugs, warm gentle affectionate. I need to give and to receive much cuddling, kissing and sleeping together. Varied interests: theatre, op-

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era, most music, books, films, videos, cartoons, intellectual preaching, lectures and quiet time at home. I love NYC for its entertainment and culture. I am a Christian and believe God has created us only for a purpose and it is not to deny us love and companionship. I seek a similar man for a permanent monogamous relationship. Last year I had a brain tumor removed which left me with right side facial paralysis - with time and plastic surgery this will improve. I am totally deaf in my right ear. Your physical condition, interests, or Christian denomination take second place to your desire for a committed faithful relationship. All correspondence and friendships welcome, all answered. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1202.*

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. GWM 29, 6'1", 210, blond, nondisabled. Love reading, movies, music, British television. I am seeking an independent, sincere GWM, 25-35, with a sense of humor, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Peter. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #930.*

CHICAGO. I am a nondisabled GWM 20, 6', 145lbs, and looking for, but not limiting myself to, a friendship/relationship with someone who has a physical difference. I am straight acting, caring, affectionate, and a non-smoker. I have many hobbies and lead somewhat of an adventurous lifestyle. I enjoy being active and going out. I am looking for someone to share my life with. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1187 or ph: (312) 310 4345.*

CHICAGO. Discreet WM 50, 5'6", 125 lbs., neurofibromatosis, short left leg, spinal curvature, recent brain tumor, working in real estate, seeks abled/non-abled guys for relaxing, Classical music, history (Russian), beach, ethnic foods (Thai, Middle-East), long walks to the lake. Ethnic guys/pen pals/students, any age welcome. Longhaired especially welcome! No drugs, boozers, non-smoker preferred. We take care of ourselves - clean and height/weight proportionate. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1062.*

ILLINOIS. Abled GWM 59, much younger looking, 6', 185, blond, mustache/beard, smooth, HIV-, non-smoker. Living in Chicago, would relocate to San Francisco. I was raised on a farm and love animals and gardening. Have a cat. I would like a monogamous relationship with a younger man wanting love and care. Please reply with photo and phone #. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #879.*

ILLINOIS. GWM, abled, is attracted to and interested in meeting guys who wear leg braces, also guys wearing teeth braces; would also like to hear from guys with similar interests. *Terry Troutman, POB 1107, Arlington Heights, IL 60006.*

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MARYLAND. GWM, 37, paraplegic, 5'11", 140lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes. Very good upper body strength. My interests include music, movies, literature, sports, and having good times. I would like to meet disabled or abled GWMs 18 to 45 years old. Interested in getting together for friendship with the possibility of a sexual and emotional relationship. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #470.*

MARYLAND. GWM, mature, hairy, 6ft, blue/brown-gray, 185/190lbs. Life-long attraction to GMs with one leg shorter than the other or club foot or limp. I am truthful, loving, monogamous and seek same in mate for a permanent relationship. I like antiques, classical music & opera, cooking, travel, loving home in beautiful environment. My handicap is a short penis with small, mis-mated balls. Hope that our handicaps can be combined for mutual deep love and understanding. Please write to: *John, 1110 Fidler Lane #801, Silver Spring, MD 20910, ph. (301) 589 1873.*

MARYLAND. Goodlooking GWM 33, recently wheelchair bound with MS, blond hair, hazel eyes, 5'11", 175 lbs, HIV-, swimmer's build, very active both sexually and physically. I enjoy swimming, working out at the gym and going to night spots, clubs and staying home with the right person, and I love to travel and sunbathe. I have lately discovered I have a fetish for leather (but am *not* interested in S&M). I'm in search of a top man 18-45 with similar interests, with/without a handicap, strong and preferably muscular, ready for adventure, friendship, possible ltr. Please write with photo. *John May, 10864 Bucknell Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902.*

ELECTRIC COWBOY NORTH OF BOSTON. I'm a romantic Northern cowboy/ Auburn hair and eyes of blue/ 30 years old, in a wheelchair/ with a sense of humor too.// I'd like to meet someone special/ 30 to 40 years old is just about right/ For music.../ And talking into the night.// So if you have a sense of humor/ And think this poem is fine/ Please respond to my ID number/ And write me any time.// *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1023.*

MASSACHUSETTS. My name is Phil. I'm a nondisabled gay man, 39 years old, 5'11", 210#, brown hair/beard, and live in the Boston area. I own two successful businesses, am financially quite secure, enjoy traveling when I can find the time - my favorite destination is Las Vegas! I enjoy my extensive coin collections, watching the same movies over and over, some science fiction, tropical fish keeping, dining out (when I get tired of my lousy cooking!), a good glass of wine and cuddling on the sofa. I am college educated and have a commercial pilot's license. I'm very attracted to disabled gay men, preferably younger than I, who have a good sense of humor and who like to cuddle! Even though

I'm more attracted to a person's personality, I do find certain disabled men very appealing! I desire a long term relationship, not just sex - it's nice but not that important to me. If that's you too, please drop me a note. I promise a prompt and honest reply to every letter I might receive. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #731.*

MASSACHUSETTS. GWM 37, with cerebral palsy. Manual wheelchair user. Very independent, articulate, intelligent, respectful, laid-back and lovable. I love music from classical to rock, films, dining out, drawing, conversation, being with friends, the outdoors, honesty, laughter and affection. I am commitment oriented and monogamous by nature. Am looking for correspondents, friendships and possible long term relationship. If you have similar interests and a passion for life, I'd love to hear from you. - Stephen. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #781.*

MICHIGAN. GWM, disabled, 57, 6', 178 lbs, blue eyes, brown hair, 38" hairy chest, 36" waist. I smoke but am courteous of those who do not. I am HIV negative. At an early age I became a concert organist. Shortly after I turned 31 I had a cerebral aneurism which paralyzed my left side. This did not affect my speech or memory. I've now adjusted to what I call forced retirement. I've learned to enjoy the less pretentious things in life and appreciate what I have (as opposed to regretting what I don't have). I'm considered nice looking, clean, well-built and reasonably intelligent. I like guys around my own age, nondisabled or disabled, who are financially and emotionally stable. If you feel you have some of these qualities, please write or call. I will answer all. *Gordon, 343-2 E. Edgewood Blvd., Lansing, MI 48911, ph: 517 394 2148.*

MICHIGAN. Nondisabled GWM, 6', 185 lbs, interested in hearing from amputee guys - especially leg amputees - also interested in hearing from any guys wearing dentures. *Please write: POB 186, East Tawas, MI 48730.*

MINNESOTA. GWM 36, attractive, red hair and a trimmed beard. I am physically challenged due to a 1988 car wreck. I walk with a cane or use a chair. Currently I am a student. I enjoy jazz, blues and soft rock. I like movies, trips and good conversation. I am looking for a patient and sincere guy, one with an understanding of disability. HIV negative. I am seeking new friends, disabled or abled. *Bob Barr, 180 Wayzata Street #507, Saint Paul, MN 55117.*

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. GWM, 49 years old, 155 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, mustache. I have a neuro-muscular disability which is not too severe. I use a manual wheelchair but can walk a

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little. Overall I am quite healthy, a non-smoker. I am a research scientist, live independently and drive a van. In addition to typical interests (movies, music, etc.) I enjoy traveling and am looking for others, disabled or abled, who might be interested in coming on future trips. I hope to hear from someone who is 30-50, easy-going, masculine, slim to medium in build, and hairy (beard and mustache a plus). Please be a non-smoker and non-drug-user. *Bill Helgeson, 410 Groveland Av. #702, Minneapolis, MN 55403, ph: (612) 871 3630 before 10pm.*

MINNESOTA. Shy, quiet, passionate GWM 38, 5'3", 145 lbs., brown hair and eyes, moustache. I have been physically challenged by juvenile rheumatoid arthritis since the age of 5. Because of the arthritis I have had numerous total joint replacements, reconstructions and/or fusions. I use a cane. I am looking for penpals, new friends, meeting in person, maybe more. Besides the simple pleasures of life I have many interests, including but not limited to: movies, computers, photography, travel, reading, eating, or just cuddling up with someone watching a movie or TV. If anything sparks your interest, or you want to know more drop me a line. All replies answered. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #816.*

MINNESOTA. GWM 49, 5'10", 180#, br/hz, looking for life partner share mutual achievements, interests and lifestyle amenities. I'm a successful professional post-polio wheelchair user in a north central community, very loving, very committed in relationships, open minded and with few hangups. I'm interested in a GWM 35-45, currently abled, HIV-, secure, together, with a great sense of humor, affectionate, and who is successful in his life goals. Interest in outdoor as well as indoor life a plus. Sincere letters will receive replies (photo nice but not initially necessary). *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #791.*

MISSISSIPPI. GWM, 59, 5'11", 210#, gr/br hair and beard, HIV-, use crutches or cane, seeking GWM, 35+ for friendship/relationship. Hairy body, beard and/or stache a plus. I am a smoker, moderate drinker, no drugs. I am a low vision person, so please consider that when writing. I enjoy almost all music except Rock, like camping, boating, swimming, watching some TV, travel when possible, small parties, dining in as well as dining out, also the theater, arts and museums. I consider myself to be a computer novice but I do enjoy working with the computer and learning new things. I also enjoy some of the gay BB's in my local area. I am a warm and considerate person who enjoys cuddling, kissing and making love, holding and being held. I'm not into any of the B&D or S&M scenes and do not like pain. *Sam Tolar, 1521 W. Highland Drive #H-4, Jackson, MS 39204-2117, and America Online: STolar6752.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE. GWM, 47, 6', 185 lbs, HIV-, nondisabled, honest, sincere; I love the country and mountains; I collect antiques. I am the owner of a custom crutch making business and travel some in the north-east. I am attracted to men who are amputees. Photo and phone # appreciated. Ed Openshaw, POB 65, Rumney, NH 03266, ph(603) 786 9922.

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NEW JERSEY. 53 year old, 200 lb, bi-lateral amputee (BKA), looking for someone on the East Coast to share quiet dinners and evenings (or days) together. I was in professional theatre for over 25 years and have toured the entire US. I am now a peer counselor at the local rehab. center and very active in the independent living movement. My diabetic neuropathy has made me "dysfunctional", but a little shot of prostoglandin-E usually does the trick. What is more important to me is honesty and a warm friendly relationship. I am an avid bird watcher and animal lover and would enjoy just sitting, talking, sharing life experiences, and viewing nature. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1136.*

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY. Partially disabled, ambulatory, heavy GWM looking for lover. Me: 47, 6', 250 lbs, brown eyes, brown hair, beard, HIV -. Like to laugh, cuddle and snuggle. Like books, bookstores, classical music, restaurants, movies. You: GWM 35-50, slim to muscular, with similar likes. Letter and photo get mine. Be strong for me. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #613.*

NEW JERSEY. Attractive GBM, 30's, 6'3", 200lbs, b/k amp with a thirst for life and fun seeks a guy or guys, anywhere, 25-55, any race, who like(s) to party, relax and romance a little. Please be honest, discreet, down-to-earth, and socially conscious. Photo appreciated. R. K. Williams, 539 Diamond Springs Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-3606.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY. GWM, young looking 38, blond hair, blue eyes, 5'8", 185 lbs, average build. I'm honest and down-to-earth, Christian, HIV negative, not into alcohol or drugs. I have a mood disorder that is well stabilized by medication, and I receive SSD. I enjoy reading, gardening and physical fitness. I'm looking for someone who can understand me and not be critical. Although I hope to meet a local guy who also wants a monogamous relationship, I love to write and would value replies from potential penpals. Peter. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1101.*

NEW JERSEY. I'm Jeff, 5'10", 150 lbs, cute, dk. brown hair/eyes, 31 years young and easily pass for looking 20-ish. Physically nondisabled but I have an anxiety condition. I like hugs, affection, touching, holding, getting out, traveling, watching movies, gay cul-

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tural events and my cat, Brownie. I am seeking a loving friendship, very possibly a long-term relationship. I enjoy Barbershop style music and singing as well as other types of music (except heavy metal). I am a liberated man with Christian beliefs and desire you be also. Please be good looking with a full head of hair as I have. Please do not smoke, use drugs or alcohol. I prefer men 21-45, caring, very honest, trustworthy, generous, affectionate, sensitive and HIV-. I would like to relocate for the right person (hopefully to a warmer climate). Please include photo. *Jeff Woerner, POB 7049, Plainfield, NJ 07060-0799, ph: 908 769 3665 before 11.00 pm.*

NEW JERSEY. I am a GWM 26, 5'10", br/br, mustache, eyeglasses, service dog, wheelchair...Now for the important stuff: looking for a friend, possibly more. I am from the Philadelphia/South Jersey area. My hobbies include: music (eclectic), TV, AmericaOnLine, movies/videos, reading - and people. My days are spent at work and I also attend graduate school. I am earning my degree in Public Relations. I am caring, friendly, fun, humorous. Hope to hear from you soon! Oh yeah, I have Friedrich's Ataxia (*huh!*) which is a form of Muscular Dystrophy. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1216, or e-mail: Danielsson@AOL.com*

NEW YORK. Attractive, nondisabled disability-aware w/m Daddy Bear, 47 yrs. old, 6', 260 lbs, long grey-brown hair, beard and mustache, pierced nipples, hairy body, and the imagination to go beyond a partner's physical limitations. Long time disability activist with an interest in meeting men with a wide range of disabilities/differences. My interests include writing, theatre, costume design, crafts, music (Broadway to Bach, but little Rock). Also have long list of fetishes and kinks - but this need not preclude affection and friendship. I am not looking for a permanent relationship, just good buddies to share fantasies and realities with. Write or call *Max E. Verga, 141 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238, ph: (718) 852 1960.*

NEW YORK. 30 yo disabled GWM, 6'2", 170 lbs, long brown hair, smooth, trim body, intelligent, cute, sexy, politically active & healthy. I'm into: counter-culture, coffee-houses, protests and the like. I'm seeking a partner who is disabled, intelligent, sexy, 21-35 yo. All replies with photo, phone answered. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1208.*

NEW YORK. Hi! My name is Doug, a GWM 47, 5'11", 165-170 lbs, HIV-, with very slight cerebral palsy. I'm looking for a guy with or without a disability in age range 37-47. After work I'm into the performing arts, concerts, ballets, opera, lectures, and so on. I do not let my handicap keep me from doing the things I like or want to do

but I want to meet the right guy to fill the other void in my life. Please be disease-free and a non-smoker. If you are interested send 'phone and photo to: *POB 275, Bronx, NY 10461.*

NEW YORK. 44 yo blond with short-cropped beard and green eyes, 5'10", 165 lbs, good-looking former model and actor with good, well-proportioned body, well-educated, witty and fun. I enjoy movies, theater and art. I am a published writer of poetry and short-stories, a proof-reader and copy editor. I am HIV positive, the virus damaged my spinal cord making standing and balance difficult. I am generally a wheelchair-user but can use crutches or a walker for short distances. I am fully independent. Hope to hear from a local nondisabled man whose attitude can focus on my attributes beyond my disability. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #574.*

NEW YORK CITY. GWM 40, 5'8", 180 lbs, nondisabled, nice looking, fair, professional, wide interests, sense of humor, not lonely or depressed, always been attracted to disabled men especially younger black guys, not knowing how to meet them...him...You?? Maybe A-T can help. Please write. You are my fantasy - maybe I can be yours? *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1220.*

NY/NJ/CT. GWM 38, 6'6", 225#, dark blond/blue, spinal cord injured (SCI) using wheelchair. Personally, I'd like to meet more handsome SCI men in the 21-35 age range. Might also want to create a sexual/support/friendship/dating group for SCI guys only. Because we know how it feels - and doesn't feel. *Ed Gallagher, 60 Union Ave. #2-BB, New Rochelle, NY 10801.*

NEW YORK CITY. GWM late 30's, C5-6 quad. Interests include theatre (the field in which I work), music of many kinds, reading, watching tennis, going to the movies, etc. Bright, aware, good sense of humor, good listener and not a bad talker. I used to travel but wasn't athletic/outdoorsy even in my first life. I am interested in hearing from anyone who finds this thumbnail sketch appealing/provocative and wants to know more or even maybe meet for a cuppa coffee, a Diet Coke or a glass of wine. I take mine with a straw. I have no rules about smoking, drinking or HIV status - I'm not your mother. Please send a 'phone number; I'm really lazy about typing but I love talking on the 'phone. *Andy Zerman, 300 E. 75th Street #15-O, New York, NY 10021.*

NEW YORK CITY. GW nondisabled senior, 65, 6', 180lbs, blue/gray, in good shape, sensuous, very affectionate retired pilot likes meeting masculine men with muscular arms/body from working out or wheelchair/crutches use. Hairy bear body/face, bald/skinheads -

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beautiful! Any age, but prefer mature and husky ex-wrestlers, ex-footballers, ex-cops/firemen, military. Males with any disability who could use some lovin' from someone who really knows how to give it. I like Italian, Greek and Latino men as well as guys with tattoos/piercings. Kinks considered. Some travel possible. *Write Avery at P.O. Box 3084 New York, NY 10163 or ph: (212) 689 2466 or 684 3582.*

NEW YORK. Hi, I'm Joe, born 4/7/47, GWM 5'10", 175#, light brown/grey balding hair, moustache, hazel eyes, very affectionate, love to cuddle and kiss, caring, loyal honest and very loving. I have a slight limp due to a stroke I incurred during by-pass surgery a year ago, but I'm doing fine now and fit as I can be. I love to go shopping, play with my dog, BEAR, and take care of someone special's needs. *Joe Krulisky, 1955 Welch Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14303-1717, ph: 716 282 7273.*

NEW YORK. GWM, nondisabled, 36, 185, 6', very handsome with Mediterranean good looks, brown hair and eyes, clean shaven, muscular, athletic and gym-fit; looking to meet all types of physically disabled men, especially attracted to amps, paras and post-polio guys. I'm HIV- and into very hot safe sex and mutual satisfaction. Write or call: *Alex Exarchos, 135 West 79th Street, New York, NY 10024, ph (212) 595 5755.*

NEW YORK. GWM, 39, looks much younger, 5'6", 152#, br/br, Architectural Barrier Consultant, handsome, deaf (ASL), quadriplegic - caused by diving accident; look like paraplegic; healthy, ex-ski instructor/racer. Wheelchair racquetball, weightlifting, bowling, travel, hand cycling, camping at Hillside, etc., - very active person outdoors. Would like to meet disabled or non-disabled under 45 (no fems or overweights). Please write with photo. *Bill Searles, HC1 Box 10, Chestertown, NY 12817.*

NEW YORK. GWM, 42, 5'11", 155 lbs, good youthful muscular looks, swimmer's body, brown hair, hazel eyes, multilingual, nondisabled; interested in travel, reading, music from opera to house, and cooking; seeking disabled friend, 25-45, - especially if you are Arab, Indian or Latino. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #278.*

NEW YORK. Gay male, 5'9", slender athletic, active independent paraplegic, 43, academic, pleasing in person and personality. I seek contact with interested gay males. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #769.*

NEW YORK. Goodlooking GWM 38, abled. I work in the arts and travel frequently. I am looking for disabled male friends for fun and whatever that may lead to. Guys ages 20-50 - perhaps with wheel-

chair, braces, post-polio - all welcomed. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #384.*

NEW YORK. GWM 52, 5'6", 130 lbs, bald/hazel/clean shaven, disabled, use crutches outside the house, art history major, invites interested men to conversation and anything safe and sane that follows. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #619.*

LONG ISLAND. GWM 46, 5'2", 125 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, eyeglasses, considered handsome and masculine, smoker, light drinker. Interests include antiques, PBS, music, swimming, dancing, long walks. I am warm, gentle, loving and race- & handicap-friendly. I prefer you to be masculine and height/weight proportionate and if possible from NY/LI area. Photo appreciated. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #765.*

YOUR PHOTO GETS MINE. Goodlooking, well-built, GWM, 46, 5'8", 150 lbs, green eyes, salt/pepper crew cut, into weight-lifting, motorcycles, leather, videos, photos and my very good imagination! Am attracted to/would love to hear from men with one or more amputations. Looking for correspondence and maybe more. Any takers? Alan Johnson, 487 East Main Street #158, Mount Kisco, NY 10549-0110.

NEW YORK. GWM 40, 5'6", 138 lbs, br/br, mustache & beard. I am dyslexic and slow at getting "stuff" done - like letters, bills, and so on. I talk on the 'phone just fine. At the moment I am taking GED classes from vis ed and want to learn computer electronics. I like camping, fishing, swimming, hiking, walking the woods nude. Would like to meet friends, buddies, pen-pals. Call or write - let's get together soon. *Steven G. Nichols, POB 271, Saratoga, NY 12866, ph: (518) 581 1714.*

NEW YORK. 46 yo WM, physician, abled except for loss of vision in left eye since car accident. Primarily interested in hearing from an amputee guy (my first lover had this disability) for friendship and/or...I love to share New York with visitors; I enjoy opera, theater, travel, singing with NYC Gay Men's Chorus. Give a call if you're in the Big Apple! *Michael B. Gehl, 95 Horatio Street #706, New York, NY 10014, telephone: (212) 255 4140.*

NEW YORK. Able bodied GWM searching for disabled and abled contacts for good conversation (by phone or letter), possible meeting and sharing mutual feelings. I am 41 years old, 5'7", dark hair, blue eyes, a professional, very preppy in appearance and dress. I am hearing impaired and wear hearing aids - but they only help to make communication better! *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #264.*

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I LIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA. Able bodied 59, 6'1", 220 lbs, gray hair, hazel eyes, hairy chest; I'm attracted to handicapped men; I'm retired and travel a great deal, and would love to hear from you wherever you are. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #508.*

OHIO. SWM, 41 years old, 140 lbs, HIV-, non-smoker, non-drug-user, drink very little, lost my right arm at shoulder due to motorcycle wreck. I am sincere, honest and responsible person. Would like to find the same qualities in a man who would like a one to one relationship or just a good friend. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #536.*

OREGON or SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. A big-bear of a GWM, age 30, 6'4" and too-much-for-you-to-lift, full beard and mustache and lots of soft fur to pet, seeks a sincere - perhaps shy - GWM who has a physical disability for exchange of letters, photos, Email and 'phone calls. I want more, but am in a transitional point in my life and can't promise where I'll be in the future. When my life settles down a bit, I will be seeking a life-mate (again). For now - let's just be friends. Please have a positive attitude about life - tho' I understand the need for everyone to "vent" now and again. I like computers, music (who doesn't?), movies and learning new things and gaining new experiences. You can E-mail me at: TodKromer@aol.com or send *replies with correct postage please to A-T #698.*

IN SEARCH OF NONDISABLED LIFE MATE. Non-mainstream GWM, 51, 5'8", 145#, bl/bl, simple, quiet, honest professional, traveled performer/arts educator with very high public profile. I am discreet, masculine, caring, sensitive and daring, a risk-taker. Physical disability due to polio, use wheelchair, but not confined to it, not paralyzed. Disability does not mean dependent. If you are a 40+ vital, masculine, articulate, loving man with a sense of himself and his sexuality who understands the words *loyalty, commitment, responsibility*, and wants to share the future and a monogamous relationship with another warm, understanding man, then write to *POB 654, Emmaus, PA 18049*

PENNSYLVANIA. GWM, 42 yrs, light brown hair, blue eyes, 6'3", T-7 para, braces, chair, active, curious, "have fun" type of guy, jeans, travel/flies/cabin - need you...Photo - tel. # get mine. Stay well. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #529.*

PENNSYLVANIA. 23 year old GWM seeks persons with disabilities for friendship. I have brown hair and eyes, stand five feet eight inches tall, weigh 110 pounds and wear glasses. I was born with mildly severe Cerebral Palsy which affects my ability to walk, my speech (although I can be understood on the phone), and bladder function. I

am ambulatory, but use an electric wheelchair for long distances. Presently I am a college student in my third year at Temple University where I am majoring in Human Resource Administration and eventually plan to attend law school. My hobbies and interests include computers, playing chess, reading, writing, world affairs, and disability-related issues. For the past three years I have been very happily involved in a long term relationship with a man who is abled and is in his forties. Please write or telephone before 10pm eastern standard time *Brian Peaceman, 352 Valley Brook Road, Apt. A-6, Ambler, PA 19002-4341, E-mail: b583627p@thunder.ocis.temple.edu*

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PENNSYLVANIA. GWM 35 years old with a swimmer's build, 5' 9", 125 lbs, with cerebral palsy. I am masculine and cute. I have my college degree in theatre. I already wrote a play and it was staged at Penn State University in the main campus. Believe me - I don't let my disability stand in my way of anything or anybody. I live on my own, one hour away from Philadelphia and one hour away from New York City. My interests are the theatre, working out at the gym, dancing, going to the beach in the summer, laying in the sun to get a dark tan without a tan line, partying, going to see male dancers, and traveling. Believe me, I do everything and anything. I am looking for someone to be with to enjoy life and to have a blast with. And...Hey, is there any guy out there who wants to take a vacation? Please contact me if you do. I need a vacation so bad. I was thinking about going to one of the islands, just lay out on the beach in our bikinis or...and look at the view. *Bill Lasch, 1101 Seneca Street #208, Bethlehem, PA 18015, ph: 610 866 4679.*

PENNSYLVANIA. GWM 38, helluva nice guy, 6', 190 lbs of pure pleasure. I have dark brown hair and eyes and a moustache. I remain independent despite the challenges of MS and a severe hearing loss. I've worked in finance for the past twenty years and in my spare time I collect coffee mugs and snapshots of men. During the summer I enjoy watching sunsets, some gardening, watching men on the beach and car rides. In the winter I still do the watching and riding - and spend a lot of time in front of the fireplace. I'm looking for someone special to cuddle with in front of the fire and to share my life with. I'm also looking for penpals - and when you write, please include a snapshot or two. Your sincerity is more important to me than your age or looks. Could you be the special guy that's missing from my life? C'mon, take a chance, you'll be glad you wrote. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #974.*

PENNSYLVANIA. GWM, 40, sincere, warm, caring, intelligent, humorous, can be shy, others tell me I'm handsome, dark hair, beard/stache, blue eyes, hairy back-butt-legs, HIV-, person with a disability, power wheelchair user, HIV-, the fixed-income thing. I seek friend-

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ships, mutual support, hugs, kissing, safe times. I enjoy computer BBS-ing, videos, music, houseplants, volunteering, hanging out on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania & in their botanical garden, and appreciating the great view from my secure 19th floor apartment. I do not smoke, don't use drugs, I'm not into pain & I've no interest in sports. Write to: *Clark F., 3901 Market Street #1913, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3131.*

PENNSYLVANIA. Nondisabled gay male, 33, wishes to meet disabled or nondisabled gay male(s) for intimate luncheons, travel, cultural events, concerts (country or jazz or rock), torrid steamy overnight or long weekend trips, or a long-term relationship (and preferably all of the above!). Seeking friends is a given, and this 5'10", beefy, hirsute, mustached and short-bearded bear wants to meet a man with the ability to challenge me intellectually AND sexually; a man with a strong sense of his own identity as well as an unquenchable thirst for intense, romantic, one-to-one lovemaking AND a lack of fear of long-term commitment. I know it's a tall order, but what the heck - even if we aren't attracted to each other as potential lovers, one can NEVER have too many good friends! I prefer someone in my age bracket (30 to 40-ish), but I would not turn away someone in his 20's, 40's or 50's who possesses the character traits I seek. I would also consider relocating, if the individual in question needs this as part of a commitment - all is negotiable! Are you ready for me? *Evan M. Malin (use middle initial when calling or writing), Fox Chase Station POB 24725, Philadelphia, PA 19111-0725, ph: 215 725 1781-home, or work-215 884 5052 between 8.30-4.00 EST.*

BIG WHEELS KEEP ON TURNING. Do you have dreams of having someone who is hard working, loyal, honest, caring, loving, and has no problem being monogamous? I do too! I hold within my heart the hope and dream that, somewhere out there, there is a GWM or BiM 35 to 55, who is sincerely seeking a stable, loving and caring friendship or a one-on-one relationship. I'm a GWM 43, easily passing for early 30's, 125 lbs, bk/br, with mustache. I have a smooth, boyish swimmer's build. Being half Italian and half French I'm an incurable romantic. I love candlelight dinners, movies, the theater, picnics, letting the rain fall on me, spending time out of doors camping and at the beach, and quiet times at home cuddling. I also have a passion for art and music. Now using a wheelchair, I have turned what many see as a handicap into a positive force of strength and many possibilities. So, if you are looking for a man who is real and who will be by your side through the bad as well as the good times, then either write or call - *Stefano, 211 Shannon Street, Gaston, SC 29053-9136, ph (803) 791 1637* - and let's see what happens.

TEXAS. Articulate, creative, gay Hispanic male, para, 36, 5'8", 160, honest, goodlooking, workout boy, passionate, only semi-cynical, seeks friendship and possible relationship with together GWM/GLatinM 25+, masculine, in-shape, drug- and disease-free, easy to look at soulmate who enjoys a great cup of Java and a classic foreign film. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1083.*

TEXAS NORTH EAST. GWM, 57, 5'10", 165#, blond hair, blue eyes, wear glasses, nice-looking, disease-free, gym-going in good shape former forrester/logger living in a small country town; I am masculine, sincere, affectionate and very sexual; I enjoy fishing, hunting, camping, gardening and more. I am seeking a one-on-one relationship with a younger man, attractive, slender/trim, clean, intelligent, disease-free, affectionate, loyal honest and very sexual, a guy who is honestly looking for an older man. My limitations are a congenital visual problem, which impairs my ability to drive in and travel to cities, but not much else; also a work-related back injury which prevents me from doing heavy lifting. I am open to the possibility of relocation. Your photo and 'phone # gets mine. *J. D., POB 221, Royse City, TX 75189.*

TEXAS. GWM 49, brown/hazel, 5'1", 131 lbs, HIV neg. I am looking for a safe sexual friendship bringing mutual support, perhaps love, lots of cuddling, safe sex, giggles, nonsense and what - but no wedding rings. I see letters and long distance as for getting acquainted, not penpaling - if something clicks, let's plan to meet asap. I'm handsome, mischievously sexual, fit compassionate, but irreverent, and I try valiantly never to take myself too seriously. I have scoliosis (spine curves to right) and an underdeveloped left shoulder from old polio, also slight, seasonal asthma. I teach at a community college. I like old R&R, big band, jazz & classical music (Boccherini, at this writing), astrology (an amateur student of 20 years), museums, art exhibits, UFO stuff, *Unsolved Mysteries*, *X Files*, antiques, bookstores, conversation, low fat dining, light exercise, Monopoly, Scrabble and old b&w movies. Please, first be a drug & disease free non-smoker, able to travel (but not necessarily all the way to Texas), - sensitive, fun, fit within your ability, not afraid to try things you haven't, politely & gleefully challenging to authority, a polio survivor, an amputee, or even physically normal. Photo gets mine. *Billy Roberts, 1601 Faro Drive #602, Austin, TX 78741, ph: 512 385 8313.*

VIRGINIA. My name is Edmond J. Turner. I have cerebral palsy and use a power chair for mobility. I am a white single gay male. I have dark brown hair, dark brown eyes, am moderately hairy, 5'3" tall, and weigh around 150 lbs. I am employed at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) as a Training Associate Supervisor at the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Supported

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Employment. I enjoy going to the gay bars/clubs, enjoy dining out, enjoy dancing, enjoy going to movies and concerts, enjoy most types of music, and enjoy shopping. Cruising is my favorite pastime. I also like some sports, especially Pro-Football, Baseball and beach Volleyball. I like the beach as well as the mountains, nature, animals, and just life itself! Also I enjoy the nudist lifestyle when I'm home. Let's get together and see what happens. If you are interested in getting together for an initial date, please call me! I am hot and horny! *Edmond J. Turner, 300 West Franklin Street, #103-W, Richmond, VA 23220, telephone # (804) 643 1410 after 7pm or at weekends.*

VIRGINIA. GWM, 54, 5'8" 150#, brown/blue; diagnosis - MS (still not definite); symptoms - walking difficulty, bladder and sexual dysfunction; personal interests - history, movies, trains, gay male erotica. I plan to relocate back to Cleveland in a few years and I am especially interested in hearing from A-T subscribers in NE Ohio. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #617.*

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. GWM 39, height-weight-proportionate, abled, would like to correspond and meet with male who is an amputee. I am sensitive, spiritual, humorous, independent, laid-back. I enjoy reading, talking, sight-seeing, visiting. I am interested in you for your entire self, with your unique variety of traits, interests and identity. Please write and let's begin to learn about each other. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #308.*

SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE. I know there is a great guy out there looking for someone special! I'm *not* looking for Mr. Right Away but I am interested in connecting with someone who is good to himself and those that he holds dear. My last relationship was with a partner of eleven years. Three years have passed and I'm ready to date again. This GWM is 39 yo, 165 lbs, 6'2", brown hair, blue/green eyes. I have two different types of muscular dystrophy. I can't even pronounce it but I have had the disability all my life. It has provided a few challenges but nothing I can't overcome. I work in the computer field and have traveled over 12,000 miles in the last three months with my new job. What preferences do I have? GWM, 25-48, height/weight proportionate, smooth or lightly hairy, a good sense of humor. It doesn't matter to me if you have a disability, small stature, small cock, or what type of job you have as long as you are happy with what you do. I use an electric wheelchair to get around but work out at the college, travel, theater, dining out, concerts, computers, etc. Give me a call, I would love to talk to you. *Dan, POB 20549, Seattle, WA 98102, ph: (206) 323 6969.*

1996 PARALYMPICS. Abled GWM, 23, 6', 195lbs, searching for amputee or paraplegic male for friendship and possible long-term re-

lationship. I am a handsome, intelligent (and immodest!) recent college graduate who enjoys international and adventurous travel, scuba diving and disabled sports (such as road racing). Please send a letter and mailing address along with a telephone number and a photo if you have one. Also, anyone interested in attending the Paralympic Games with me in Atlanta, GA on August 16th-27th, 1996, please respond or contact me for more information. *Alexander Jones, POB C-254, Concord College, Athens, WV 24712.*

WISCONSIN. Attractive GWM, young acting 39 years old. I have a BBA degree from Univ. - Eau Claire. Have a variety of interests that include: working out, sports, reading and movies. I am looking for friends, possible relationships with nondisabled and differently-abled males. By the way I have slight cerebral palsy. *Craig Koerth, 1105 So. Barstow #323, Eau Claire, WI 54701.*

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TORONTO. GWM 38, abled, 5'6", well built husky stature, br/hazel, trim beard/stache, masculine, HIV neg. With a Franciscan spirituality I enjoy most of what life has to offer: making friends, outdoor activities, travel, history, museums, cooking, dining out, quiet evenings, sunrises and sunsets, music, animals and more. I am attracted to blue-collar appearances like workboots, hi-top running shoes and Levi 501's, to long hair and to tallness, also to men with leg braces or prostheses (esp. b/e hooks) - a previous friendship with a man who is an amputee was a very positive experience which I would like to repeat. I am seeking to develop and sustain real friendships with disabled men 18-42 years who live life to its fullest potential. Perhaps you are active in disabled sports, outdoor activities; above all you possess a strong self-awareness, have a realistic approach to life and are willing to invest into a face to face friendship. Penpals ok, all replies will be promptly answered, photo (returnable) and phone appreciated. Write soon, eh? *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #316.*

OTTAWA. 51 year old nondisabled male, 5'8", retired RCMP, solid, balding, 'stache, healthy guy looking for same, similar or sympathetic; responsive to men with disabilities; interests - body building (sometimes), videos, photos, letters, cards, &c. All letters answered. *Roger Cayer, POB 2190 - Station D, Ottawa, K1P 5W4, Canada.*

NEW BRUNSWICK. Nondisabled GWM 36, compassionate and genuinely wishing to find a person to share with. Your personality, your determination to live a good life in spite of disability, is what counts for me, not the nature of your disability. I am looking for friends between 18 and 40 years old. I am also looking for the special guy to

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live with: together we'll both be better off, emotionally, physically, financially. *Replies with correct international postage please to A-T #226.*

ONTARIO. GWM, healthy, masculine, 33, paraplegic (T-10 incomplete). 6'3, 155#, brown hair/eyes. Very good-looking, very active, muscular upper body. 4th year university student. Financially independent, part-time model. Enjoy travelling, working out, collecting antiques, music and just about anything fun. I have a great attitude and enjoy life very much. Would like to hear from similar guys. Letter with photo please. Thanks. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1087.*

CANADA. My name is Donald MacMillan. I was badly brain-damaged in a truckmobile accident almost 20 years ago. I have worked hard at getting my life into order and feel like I am 90% there. I am lonely and would like pen pals. I'd appreciate a picture and will send one in return. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1003.*

VANCOUVER, BC. Hi! I'm a GWM interested in meeting new people, either on a friendship level, or dating - with hopes of it developing into a long term relationship with the right person. I've been told I'm not bad to look at and appear younger than my 31 years. I'm 5'8", 135 lbs, with brown hair and eyes. I have an invisible disability called fibromyalgia. This mainly manifests as muscle and joint pain in my legs, which can limit the amount of walking I'm able to do in a day. Symptoms can range from barely noticeable to uncomfortable. I eat well, do yoga and work out a couple of times a week. I'm somewhat Bohemian. I like music from funk/soul and garage/house through to Joni Mitchell, Laurie Anderson and ambient stuff. Currently a student living in Vancouver, Canada - and contemplating relocation. Previously worked in fashion and commercial photography in London, England. An industry full of stress and nastiness - don't miss it much, but do miss "The Big City" sometimes. I have access to almost free worldwide flights and would love to visit others who are sincere, authentic and humorous. Write me at: *Andrew Jack, 2170 Wall Street, Vancouver, BC, V5L 1B5 CANADA.*

VANCOUVER, BC. I am a dignified single gay retired bookkeeper, 61 years of age with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. 5'10". 135 lbs. (How much does a leg weigh?) I value honesty, integrity, gentleness. Being independent I pay attention to my physical and emotional well being. Working with limited funds is a creative progress for me. I am active and fit, enjoying walks, swimming, downhill skiing. At home you will find me listening to classical music (opera in particular). I love cooking & often have small dinner parties. I lost my left leg in a train accident when I was four. For mobility I use crutches, at home I rely on

my artificial leg for support (it's more practical although I am a great hopper). I am looking for a gay, able, non-smoker who I can ask to help me with what I cannot do myself, i.e. carrying my ski equipment, but not someone to nurse me - remember I am independent! I have a great need of TLC, someone I can feel close to! Someone mature - regardless of age - someone who is fit and who shares - if not all - some of my interests. Please write me: *Christian Brix, 1655 Barclay Street #1504, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6G 2Y1. Fax: (604) 685-5065. e-mail: cbrix@freenet.vancouver.bc.ca*

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ENGLAND. My name is Peter. I am German, abled, living in London, 34 years old, tall and muscular, looking for amputees for friendship and hopefully visiting in USA or UK. I don't think of your disability as a handicap. I am professional, versatile, positive-thinking. I like traveling, working out, scuba diving, swimming, clubbing, movies, etc. *Peter Leffek, 54 Newbery House, Northampton Street, London N1 2HX, United Kingdom.*

SOUTH ENGLAND. Hi there! I'm an English GWM, 42, 6'2", 160 lbs, seeking friendships and exchanges and hopefully an intimate relationship. I'm polio-disabled but fully mobile and independent. I'm straight-acting, masculine, caring, loving and affectionate; also unselfish, loyal and dependable. I'm into travel, music, socializing and much more. Am relaxed, easy-going and open-minded. I live on the south coast about two hours from London in a wheelchair-friendly bungalow and I welcome houseguests. I also speak German and French and basic Spanish. Hope to hear from you real soon. Take care now. *Paul Williams, 4 Dawn Close, Ensbury Park, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4BL, UK, ph: (UK) 1202 548669.*

NORTH-EAST ENGLAND. Slim, handsome, 34 year-old Bi tetraplegic male, psychology graduate, into escaping the 'rat-race', travel, healthy food, truth seeking, computers, internet, being naked among nature, especially during thunder storms, and anything alternative. I'm happily married to aware Bi pixie earth girl but need to explore and express a part of my self and my sexuality which has been suppressed and hidden for far too long. We plan to travel Europe for one year, setting off this summer, with the hope of buying land/forestry/property, maybe starting a commune or co-op type of living with compatible other/s. I would like to correspond or meet with anyone reading this, Bi or Gay, with or without a disability, who feels attracted or connected to me. I am also looking for a live-in carer, salary to be arranged. ALA, photo appreciated. *Replies with correct international postage please to A-T #562.*

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YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND. Paraplegic male interested in correspondence/connection. *Replies with correct international postage please to A-T #1115.*

SOUTH COAST OF ENGLAND. Hi there! My name's Keith. I'm visually impaired but not totally blind - but I do need the support of my guide dog for better mobility. I'm a GWM 53, stocky-built 210 lbs, 5'9" tall, cropped fair hair and full pepper 'n' salt beard, with a hairy bear-type physique. I have a laid-back, warm, caring nature and enjoy the company of loyal, sincere friends. My interests include the arts, books on tape, music, films, television, painting & sketching, travel, places of historical interest, swimming, some sports, countryside & wildlife, and rambles with my faithful Labrador. I would be pleased to correspond with anyone nationally or internationally, with a view to meeting in the future. It is possible for me to read print with the help of low-visual aids or CCTV. I look forward to hearing from all like-minded guys; your photo gets mine - why not make me your blind date? Take care! *Keith May, 23 Ballard Court, Bury Road, Gosport, Hampshire, PO12 3UA, England, ph: (0)1705 524739.*

MIDLANDS, ENGLAND. I am a semi-retired, middle-aged businessman with numerous activities and live 50 miles north of London. I became paraplegic in 1973 after a car accident in Spain. I cannot walk and use a wheelchair. I am HIV negative. I drive and travel a lot, to Africa as well as in Europe. My other home in Spain is where I go to get away from it all - I swim in my pool and just let the world go by. I consider myself a straight man who just happens to prefer other men; I am in no way hung up about my sexuality but find that I do not fit into the gay "scene". I am serious in my intentions to find the right person, someone who thinks as I do. Sex is not first on my list, friendship is. I know I have the right qualities for a relationship. My interests are many, mainly healthy activities. I am English, also speaking fluent Spanish, conversational French and a bit of Arabic. I get along well with ethnic types and enjoy learning different cultures. I like men who know who they are. I will answer all letters with photo, which I shall return to you with one of mine. I hope to hear from someone who really gets what I'm about. *David M. J. Williams, BA, 1 Laser Close, Shenley Lodge, Milton Keynes, MK5 7AZ, England.*

ENGLAND (SOUTH). Tony, businessman, 51, 5'9", 155 lbs, nondisabled, fairly fit, play some sports, like eating out, theatre, all types of music, and I especially enjoy motoring and travel. I will be happy to hear from any man who feels drawn to my ad. For myself I am drawn to men who are amputees; I feel shy about saying this and at the same time really hopeful. I love talking on the 'phone as I feel

it's more personal than writing - but in the first instance please write with correct postage to A-T #752.

ENGLAND, MIDLANDS. GWM 43, nondisabled, fit, sporty, short beard, light hair, blue eyes, muscular and with a hairy body. I would like to meet a gay male with a physical disability, perhaps a guy who is paraplegic. I prefer you be a non-smoker and scrupulously clean; I also tend to find the following features appealing - beards, moustaches, glasses, long hair, hairiness, body piercings. Please write - preferably with photo - and let's begin to find out about each other. *Colin Garner, 30 Muncaster Gardens, East Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 0XH, UK.*

LONDON, ENGLAND. I'm 31 years old and only recently became paraplegic (1985). I've got a good athletic body as I used to play rugby. Still play sports and go to gym. Like eating out, coffee, meals in on a romantic scale. Like to meet other interested men. I travel to San Francisco and elsewhere in California 3-4 times a year for 4-6 weeks at a time. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1167.*

AMERICAS/ELSEWHERE. 40 year old Jewish-Italian male, post-polio, bilateral leg braces, 5'3", 115 lbs, swimmer's trim upper body, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, clean shaven. I live in Guatemala but travel often to US, Europe and elsewhere. I am looking for companionship, hot sex, long-term relationship or traveling buddy. I prefer someone my age or younger, on the short side and trim. Your photo gets mine. *Replies with correct postage please to A-T #1163, or pb: (international access code)-502-2-633689.*

HONG KONG. I'm a 26 year old Chinese male and have ejaculatory failure. I am otherwise nondisabled. I am seeking friendship with similar persons. My hobbies are movies, TV, music, letter exchange, etc. My address is: 8, 2/F, Kam Wing Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.



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